

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Koji HIROTA, et al.

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SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION

EXAMINER:

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FOR: JOINING METHOD AND JOINING APPARATUS FOR JOINING BELT-SHAPED GLASS SHEETS,
MANUFACTURING METHOD AND MANUFACTURING APPARATUS FOR GLASS FRAME, AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD AND MANUFACTURING APPARATUS FOR IMAGE DISPLAY
APPARATUS WITH GLASS FRAME

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

- ☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number PCT/JP02/09234, filed SEPTEMBER 10, 2002, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- ☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed
- ☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

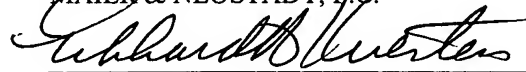
<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	2001-275519	September 11, 2001

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- ☐ are submitted herewith
- ☒ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- ☐ were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- ☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- ☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- ☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s)
- ☐ are submitted herewith
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